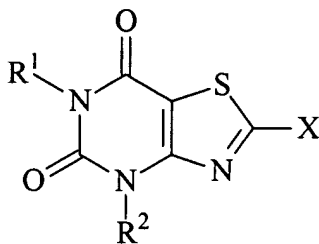


### IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula (I):



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is -Z-A wherein Z is (a) C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkyl, optionally interrupted with 1-2 double bonds, 1-2 nonperoxide O, or 1-2 NR wherein R is individually H, phenyl, benzyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanoyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl; (b) C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl; (c) C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl; (d) C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl; or (e) C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl;

A is N(R)<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> acyloxy, SO<sub>3</sub>H, PO<sub>4</sub>H<sub>2</sub>, N(NO)(OH), SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>, PO(OH)NH<sub>2</sub>, OH, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup>, tetrazolyl, or COOR<sup>3</sup> wherein R<sup>3</sup> is H, phenyl, benzyl or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl optionally substituted with 1-2 OR, heteroaryl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkenyl, phenyl, tetrazolyl or an amino acid residue formed by the removal of a hydrogen atom from the -COOH group of an amino acid;

R<sup>2</sup> is a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkenyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl or C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> heteroaryl C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub> alkyl;

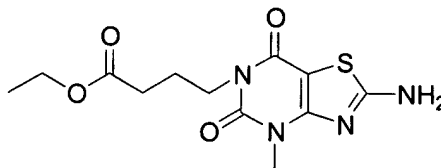
X is H, halo, OR, SR, N<sub>3</sub> or N(R)<sub>2</sub>; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein Z is (C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or phenyl.
3. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 or 2 wherein A is CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>3</sup>.

4. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 3 wherein  $R^3$  is H or  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl, optionally substituted with OH,  $C_6-C_{10}$  heteroaryl or ~~an ester of an~~ the amino acid residue.
5. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 4 wherein ~~the ester of~~ the amino acid is an L-valine residue or L-glycine residue.
6. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 4 wherein  $R^3$  is  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl substituted with 4-pyridyl.
7. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 or 2 wherein -Z-A is ethoxycarbonylpropyl.
8. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 or 2 wherein X is  $NH_2$ .
9. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 or 2 wherein  $R^2$  is  $CH_3$  or  $CH_2CH_2CH_3$ .
10. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

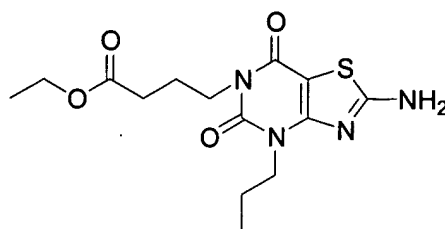
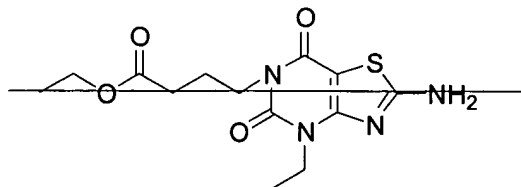
Claims 11-19 (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 having the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

21. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1 having the formula:



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.